

Major Employers in Howard County, Maryland

Company	Number Employed	Product / Service	Industry
Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory	4,300	R&D systems engineering	Professional services
Howard Community College	2,500	Higher education	Educational services
Verizon Wireless	2,028	Telecommunications	Information
SAIC	2,000	Engineering services	Professional services
Giant Food	1,953	Groceries retailing & distribution	Retail trade
Howard County General Hospital	1,720	Medical services	Health care
Columbia Association	1,600	Nonprofit civic organization	Other services
Arbitron	963	Media information	Professional services
Wells Fargo Securities Administrative Services	842	Securities administration	Finance and insurance
MICROS Systems	815	HQ / software development	Professional services
Northrop Grumman Mission Systems	700	Engineering services	Professional services
Maxim Healthcare Services	675	Medical staffing & wellness services	Administrative services
Coastal Sunbelt Produce	640	Produce processing	Manufacturing
SYSCO Food Services	630	Food products distribution	Wholesale trade
Maryland Health Enterprises	550	Nursing care	Health care
Humanim	548	Care & services for persons with disabilities	Health care
Northrop Grumman / Vinnell	520	Engineering services	Professional services
Dreyer's Grand Ice Cream	515	Frozen desserts	Manufacturing
Enterprise Community Partners	505	HQ/ community development	Other services
W. R. Grace & Co.	475	HQ / chemical R&D	Professional services
Safeway	430	Groceries	Retail trade
Home Depot	409	Home improvement products	Retail trade
C.A. Lindman	400	Structural restoration	Construction
Del Monte Fresh Produce	400	Produce processing	Manufacturing
Magellan Health Services	400	Behavioral health care management	Health care
Sheppard Pratt at Ellicott City	400	Medical services	Health care
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers *	400	Agency field office	Federal government
Lancaster Foods	396	Produce processing	Manufacturing
Turf Valley Resort	380	Golf resort, conference center & spa	Arts, entertainment and recreation
Columbia Bank	352	Banking services	Finance and insurance
Merkle	351	Database marketing	Professional services
Wachovia Bank	350	Banking operations center	Finance and insurance

Note: Excludes post offices, state and local governments; includes public higher education institutions.

*Employee counts for federal and military facilities exclude contractors.

Sources: Economic development agencies statewide and Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development, November 2008.